

IDAHO BOARD OF MORTICIANS
Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses
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Conference Call Minutes of 10/14/2020

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Craig L Geary - Chair
James R. Sommer
Steve Gordon

DIVISION STAFF: Dawn Hall, Section Chief
Julie Eavenson, Licensing Group Manager
Lori Peel, Investigative Unit Manager
Rob McQuade, Legal Counsel
Dicsie Gullick, Team Lead

OTHERS PRESENT: Lance Cox, Licensed Mortician

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM MDT by Craig L Geary.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Sommer made a motion to approve the minutes of August 4, 2020. It was seconded by Mr. Geary. Motion carried.

INTRODUCTIONS

Mr. Lance Cox of Bell Tower Funeral Home introduced himself to the Board.

COMPLAINT MEMORANDUM

Ms. Peel gave the investigative report, which is linked above.

FOR BOARD DETERMINATION

Mr. Sommer made a motion to approve the Division's recommendation and authorize closure in case numbers MOR-2019-8, MOR-2019-9, MOR-2021-1, MOR-2021-2, and MOR-2021-3. It was seconded by Mr. Geary. Motion carried.

LAWS AND RULES

Mr. McQuade presented a legislative update. Mr. Sommer made a motion to move IDAPA 24.08.01, the Rules of the Idaho Board of Morticians, to pending status and

submit then to the legislature for review. It was seconded by Mr. Geary. Motion carried.

Mr. Gordon joined the meeting.

DIVISION BUSINESS

The Board reviewed the To Do List and no action was taken.

BOARD BUSINESS

NEXT MEETING was confirmed for January 5, 2021 at 9:00 AM MST.

CONFERENCE UPDATES AND ATTENDANCE

Ms. Gullick reported that the International Conference of Funeral Service Examining Boards (The Conference) has not decided if the Annual Meeting will be in person or virtual.

CONFERENCE DUES

Mr. Gordon made a motion to approve the expenditure for the \$250 yearly dues. It was seconded by Mr. Sommer. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board reviewed correspondence from Mr. Lloyd regarding the possibility of introducing a mortuary science program at the College of Southern Idaho. Mr. Gordon made a motion to have Mr. Sommer speak with Mr. Lloyd regarding the possible program. It was seconded by Mr. Sommer. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Sommer made a motion that the Board go into executive session under Idaho Code § 74-206(1)(d) to consider records that are exempt from disclosure under the Idaho Public Records Law, Idaho Code § 74-106(9). The purpose of the executive session was to consider documents relating to the fitness of an applicant to be granted a license or registration. It was seconded by Mr. Gordon. The vote was: Mr. Sommer, aye; Mr. Gordon, aye; and Mr. Geary, aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Sommer made a motion to come out of executive session. It was seconded by Mr. Gordon. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board reviewed correspondence from Mr. Cox and let him know that the waiver of the requirement for a resident mortician he sought was required in the statute and the Board had no authority to grant a waiver. The Board asked that an item be added to the To Do list to review that part of the statute for possible changes.

APPLICATIONS

Mr. Sommer made a motion to approve the following for licensure:

ROOD, SEAN DANIEL

M-1469

It was seconded by Mr. Gordon. Motion carried.

Mr. Sommer made a motion to approve the following pending inspection:

901177968

It was seconded by Mr. Gordon. Motion carried.

Mr. Sommer made a motion to grant a three-month extension on the following application:

901144634

It was seconded by Mr. Gordon. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Gordon made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:49 PM MDT. It was seconded by Mr. Sommer. Motion carried.

Craig L Geary, Chair